the affairs of the Delhi Development Auhtority by CBI;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the other steps proposed to be taken against the gross violation of rules by DDA;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The News items refer to allotment of DDA flats made in the past by Lt. Governor, Delhi on out of turn basis including persons not registered with the DDA.

(c) DDA have reported that the out of turn allotments were approved by the competent Authority as per the Policy guidelines laid down by the Government.

(d) to (f).Question does not arise, in view of reply to part 'c' above.

Affidavit to be filed by DDA

2155. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court of Delhi has directed the Delhi Development Authority to file an affidavit indicating the number of flats which were required to be constructed and given possession during 1990-91, number actually constructed, allotted and physical possession given:

(b) if so, whether the orders of the Court have been complied with and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the High Court of Delhi has also directed the planning Engineer of the MCD to apprise the Hon'ble Court of the action taken with regard to encroachments and unauthorised construction and use of residential buidlings as commercial building.

(d) if so,whether the MCD has complied with the directives of the Court ; and

(e) the details of the steps taken to check the encroachment, unauthorised construction and use of residential buildings for commercial purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The High Court vide order dt. 23.9.91 directed DDA to file an affidavit indicating the number of flats of various categories targeted for construction upto 31.12.90 and the number of flats actually constructed and physical possession handed over upto that date.

(b) The Court was informed that 2,10,458 flats have been constructed from 1966-67 and 2,07,008 flats have been allotted till 31.3.91.

(c) to (e).The High Court has directed the Superintendent Engineer of MCD to inspect 27 properties mentioned in the writ filed by Defence Colony Welfare Association. The details of all these properties after inspection have already been filed by MCD in the High Court. Necessary action have also been initiated by MCD in these properties.

Setting up of Huller mills

2156. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether installation of shellers is a prerequisite for permission for the setting up of Huller mills (for refining rice);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations against the policy and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether many operators of Hullers have been rendered jobless due to this policy ; and

(e) whether the implementation of such a policy in hilly and backward areas is feasible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Rice Milling Industries (Regulation & Licence) Rules, 1959, installation of rubber roll sheller, paddy cleaner and paddy separator are necessary for the Huller Mill.

(b) Studies reveal that in hullers without rubber roll shellers, recovery of rice is less by about 6.6% compared to a modern rice mill. Besides the by products like edible oil bearing bran and husk cannot be recovered separately and used profitably.

(c) Yes, Sir. The representation received could not be agreed to in view of the reasons given in the part (b) of the reply above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Tremors in Garhwal Region

2157. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any short term and long term schemes to save Garhwal region from recurring tremors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b). The Garhwal Region lies in the earthquake prone Himalayan belt. Earthquake observational facilities have been set up in the region to monitor the local earthquakes and to understand the various processes involved. These studies are expected to provide valuable inputs for the building codes suited for the local conditions.

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation

2158. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the twin problems of water supply and Sanitation in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have written to the State Government recently to identify the "problem villages" to tackle the twin problems effectively;

(c) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(d) the progress made so far in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Union Government has written to the States/Union Territory Governments recently to conduct a survey of the status of drinking water supply in rural areas.